

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 450

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A RESOLUTION to recognize the public health program,
InfantSEE.

WHEREAS, the most critical stages of vision development occur in the first year of a child's life; and

WHEREAS, undetected eye and vision problems can lead to permanent vision impairment or loss of life; and

WHEREAS, one in ten children is at risk from undiagnosed eye and vision problems; and

WHEREAS, one in thirty children will be affected by amblyopia, a leading cause of vision loss in people younger than forty-five years of age; and

WHEREAS, one in 20,000 children have retinoblastoma (intraocular cancer), the seventh most common pediatric cancer; and

WHEREAS, undetected vision problems can contribute to a decrease in a child's quality of life and may lead to developmental and behavioral difficulties which impede classroom learning, as well as increase the costs to society; and

WHEREAS, early detection of vision problems is the best way to treat and prevent permanent vision impairment; and

WHEREAS, member optometrists of the American Optometric Association have created InfantSEE, a public health program to provide a one-time, no-cost eye assessment for infants six to twelve months of age; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend the members of the profession of Optometry for dedicating their expertise and services to the infants of the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State of Tennessee encourages parents to schedule an InfantSEE assessment for their infants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.